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G.O. No. 1378.

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Dated 4.5.46.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Maternity and c.welfare - S.Kanara Dt.Bd. - Opening of a centre at Kateshwar - Proposal - Not approved.

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DEPARTMENT.

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received 8-2-46 *Registered*

From (Name) Sri.A.Lakshminarayana Rao, B.A., B.L.,

(Designation) President, District Board, South Kanara,

Post Box_____, (Station) Mangalore.

*Telegraphic Address*_____

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department, through
the Director of Public Health, Madras.

*No.*_____, *dated* _____ 19

R.C.No.19130-44-A4, dated 26-1-1946.

Sir,

ENCLOSURES_____.

SPARE COPIES_____.

Subject:- Midwife - Maternity and Child Welfare - Centre - Opening of a centre at Koteshwar of Coondapur Taluk - sanction sought.

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There are now 13 Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in this District. In order to extend maternity relief to rural areas this Dt.Board has provided funds in the Budget Estimate for 1946-'47 for the opening of six new centres in Panchayat Board areas on condition that the Panchayat Boards bear half the cost of maintaining the centre in view of the fact that expenditure on Public Health is far in excess of the percentage required in G.O.No.3087-P.H., dated 25-8-1939 and the Dt.Board on account of its unsatisfactory financial position is not in a position to meet the entire cost of maternity centres in Panchayat areas from its own funds.

2. The Panchayat Boards of Koteshwar and Thekkatte in Coondapur Taluk have agreed to contribute at Rs.100/- and Rs.50/- per annum towards a maternity centre at Koteshwar. Thekkatte is very close to Koteshar and if a midwife is stationed in a central place, the maternity needs of both the Panchayat areas will be served by the said midwife.

3. I, therefore, request that Government may be pleased to accord sanction for the opening of a maternity and child welfare centre at Koteshwar with effect from 1-4-1946 and to permit the Panchayat Boards of Koteshwar and Thekkatte to pay an annual contribution of Rs.100/- and Rs.50/- respectively to this District Board for the purpose.

4. Copies of the resolutions noted below are enclosed

1. Dt.Board Res.No.23/24-1-1946.
2. Res.No.14/23-5-1945, and Res.No.39/12-11-1945 of the Panchayat Board, Koteshwar.
3. Res.No.7/11-9-1945 of the Panchayat Board, Thekkatte.

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PRESIDENT,
Dt.Board, South Kanara.

KB/31-1-46.

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EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT BOARD, DATED 24-1-1946.

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23. Read - Res.No.7-45/46, dated 11-9-45 of the Panchayat Board, Tekkatte agreeing to contribute Rs.50/- annually to the Dt.Board for the maintenance of a maternity and child welfare centre at Koteshwar by the Dt.Board.

Res.No.39/12-11-45 of the Panchayat Board, Koteshar agreeing to contribute Rs.100/- annually to the Dt.Board for the maintenance of a maternity and child welfare centre at Koteshwar by the Dt.Board.

Also D.B.Res.16/28-11-44, approving the recommendation of the Budget Committee in its Res.No.9/9-11-44 selecting Koteshwar, as a centre for the midwife in charge of maternity and child welfare for Coondapur Taluk provided the Panchayat Board contributes half the expenditure relating to the centre.

Resolution:-The post of a midwife for Koteshwar is sanctioned with effect from 1-4-1946.

(Sd) A.Lakshminarayana Rao,
President.

TRUE EXTRACT)

PRESIDENT,
Dt.Board, South Kanara.

KB/31-1-46.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE KOTESHWAR PANCHAYAT BOARD, DATED, 23-5-1945.

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PRESENT:-H.S.Rao, President and other Members.

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14. Read - Consideration of the question of payment of contribution towards the Maternity and child welfare centre for Koteshwar as per letter No.19100/2-12-44 of the President, Dt.Board.

Resolved that the Panchayat Board is willing to pay temporarily annual contribution of either Rs.150/- with the aid of other assessments or individuals or an amount not exceeding Rs.100/- from its own funds and that this Board gratefully accepts the contribution of Rs.50/- from the Tekkatte Panchayat Board.

(TRUE EXTRACT)

PRESIDENT,
DT.BOARD, SOUTH KANARA.

KB/31-1-46.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PANCHAYAT BOARD, TEKKATTE, DATED 11-9-1945.

PRESENT: Sri.K.Srinivas Hatwar and 5 others.

7. Read - Letter R.C.19130-44 of the President, Dt. Board, South Kanara, enquiring whether the Panchayat Board is willing to contribute annually Rs.50/- towards a maternity and child welfare centre for Koteshwar.

Resolved that Rs.50/- may be paid annually.

(Sd) H.Srinivas Hatwar.

(TRUE EXTRACT)

F/ PRESIDENT,
DT.BOARD, SOUTH KANARA.

KB/31-1-46.

EXTRACT FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KOTESHWÁR PANCHAYAT BOARD HELD IN ITS OFFICE ON 12-11-1945.

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PRESENT: Sri.H.Srinivas Rao, President.

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59. Read - Letter Rec.No.19130 of 1944 dated 23-11-45 of the President, Dt.Board, South Kanara, regarding the maternity and child welfare centre at Koteshwar.

RESOLUTION:- The Board resolved to delete the word "temporarily" occurring in resolution No.14/23-5-45. The Board also resolved to address the President, Dt.Board to get necessary sanction of the higher authorities.

(TRUE EXTRACT)

PRESIDENT,
DT.BOARD, SOUTH KANARA.

KB/31-1-46.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

From (Name) Sri. A. Lakshminarayana Rao, B.A.B.L.,
Designation President, District Board,
Station South Kanara, Mangalore.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department
MADRAS.

19349

Enclosures: R. C. No. 19130-A4-44 dated 31-3-1946.

Sir,

Sub: MIDWIFE - Maternity & Childwelfare centre - opening of a centre at Koteshwar of Coondapur Taluk
Ref: This office letter R.C.No.19130-44-A4/26-1-46.

I request early orders of Government on the above reference.

President. 5/4

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Edn (P.H. Dept (EL)

Mahamily and Chief Secretary Sarvashri Konara D.-Re opening of a Centre at Kotahena.

Dp 11/4

From the P.D.B. Sarvashri Konara Re No 19130-A4-44 D 31.3.46

Memo. 19349-12DA Dt 12.4.46

The S.P.H is requested to say his letter of even No

whether he is in receipt of ~~an answer to his~~ letter No

P.D.B Sarvashri Konara - Re No 19130-44 A.4 D 26-1-46

on the subject referred to above and if so, to

~~any~~ other it may be expected to reach Govt.

with his remarks

To

The S.P.H ✓

Copy to the P.D.B

Konara.

D.D.P.d. 15.4.46

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11/4/46

From the Director of Public Health, Madras.
D.P.H. Sch. R.No.7679-2M/46, dated 17th April '46

Reference Government Memorandum No.19349-1/E2, dated 12-4-46.

Forwarded.

There are at present 13 centres scattered all over the district in places not easily accessible, and without the supervision of a Woman Medical Officer. The midwives are attending to calls from their own private houses, as suitable houses for locating the centres have not been provided by the District Board as yet.

3. The midwives are not provided with Ayahs.

4. The District Board was repeatedly advised (a) to appoint a Woman Medical Officer to supervise the work of the midwives and to make the medical examination and supervision of cases, (b) to appoint ayahs and (c) to provide suitable buildings for the centres. The District Board has not acted according to the advice of the Director of Public Health till now. The Board may therefore be advised to reorganise the scheme. Work already undertaken should be brought up to standard before additional centres are opened.

5. In the circumstances stated above, the proposal of the District Board to open a centre at Kumbakshi is not recommended.

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Fort St.George, Madras.

E & P.H. (E2).

Sub:-Maternity and Child welfare - South Kanara Dt. Board - Opening of a centre at Koteshwar - Proposal - Not approved.

C.No.21771E2/46. From the P.D.B., South Kanara, Rc.No.19130-44-A4 dated 26-1-46.
From the D.P.H., R.No.7679-2M/46 dated 17-4-1946.

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G.O. No.MS 1378 P.H. dated 4-5-1946.

A copy of the remarks of the D.P.H., in his endorsement read above is communicated to the P.D.B., South Kanara for necessary action.

2. In the circumstances stated by the D.P.H., the proposal of the District Board, South Kanara to open a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Koteshwar cannot be approved.

To the P.D.B., South Kanara.
" the D.P.H.

R.C.No.19130-44-A4.

South Kanara, District Board Office,
Mangalore, dated 28----6----1946.

From

Sri.A.Lakshminarayana Rao, B.A., B.L.,
President, District Board, South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.

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Sir,

Subject:- MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE CENTRE - South Kanara District Board - Opening of a centre at Koteshwar - Reconsideration requested.

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With reference to Government order No.1378-P.H/4-5-46, I have to state that the several points referred to in the remarks of the Director of Public Health, Madras, have already been dealt with as noted below:-

1. Appointment of a woman medical officer:-

Government in their memorandum No.17956-2[illegible]F.H/5-7-40, advised this Dt.Board to appoint a woman medical officer and the views of this Dt.Board to the effect that there is no need for a Woman Medical Officer in this District in view of the peculiar conditions of this District and the difficulty in touring during six months between June to November was reported to Government in this office Rc.No.16122-A4-40/31-7-40 and D.Dis.16122-40/21-11-40 and the appointment of the Woman Medical Officer was not pressed by Government afterwards. The Asst.Directress of Public Health in her inspection notes D.No.7-M-45/15-1-44, stated that the Woman Medical Officer, Mangalore Municipality should be placed in additional charge of work in the District and when information as to the rate of monthly allowance etc., payable to the Woman Medical Officer from Dt.Board funds was requested, from the Director of Public Health, Madras, I was informed in his R.C.No.8161-2M/11-4-1945 that the post of Woman Medical Officer in Mangalore Municipality was vacant then and that the question might be taken up later. In view of the fact that the existing maternity centres are being inspected every now and then by the District Health Officer, South Kanara and necessary instructions given by him during his movements in the District and that they are adequately and well maintained as per the departmental instructions, I am of opinion that there is no need for a separate Woman Medical Offi[illegible] to supervise the work of these midwives. Besides the Dt.Board too is [illegible] in a position to meet the extra cost on this account on account of its unsatisfactory finances.

2. Appointment of Ayahs:-

In this office D.Dis.2509-41/3-4-41, the Director of Public Health, Madras, was informed that it was not clear from the Inspection notes of the Asst.Directress, how Ayahs would be necessary and it was also pointed out in that letter that the poor finances of the Board would not permit the appointment of these Ayahs and that the efficiency of maternity relief has not suffered for want of Ayahs. The Dt.Board has again considered this matter at its meeting held on 20-6-1946, and resolved not to accept the proposal for the appointment of Ayahs in the maternity and child welfare centres for want of funds.

3. Provision of buildings for the centres:-

In this office D.Dis.2909-41/3-4-41, the Director of Public Health, Madras was also intimated that the holding of midwives centres in the private residences of the midwives have not been objected to by the Public who seek service of the midwives and that no inconvenience has been caused as a result of these centres being held in the residences of midwives. There has been no complaint from the midwives too on this score. In villages, it is not possible to get type design buildings for locating the centres, but improvements are got done to the buildings occupied by the midwives in such a way as to set apart a separate portion for the office and maternity work of the midwife. The Dt.Board cannot on account of its poor finances either undertake the construction of buildings for the centres or pay rent in addition to the special

pay of Rs.8/- now paid to the midwives.

2. The aim of the Dt.Board is to extend the maternity relief to the rural areas to the utmost possible out of the meagre resources at its disposal by appointing skilled people. In view of the fact that the work of maternity relief in rural parts of this District is attended to by the midwives under the direct supervision of the Dt.Health Officer to the best advantage of the people of the locality.

3. The Dt.Health Officer, South Kanara can also hereafter allot more time for the inspection of existing and new centres to be opened hereafter as an assistant Dt.Health Officer, has been posted to this District to assist the Dt.Health Officer, South Kanara in his other duties.

4. I, therefore, request that Government may be pleased to reconsider the orders passed in G.O.No.137-P.H/4-5-46, and approve the proposal of this Dt.Board for the opening of a maternity and child welfare centre at Kateshwar at an early date.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 23 JUL 1946 MADRAS

PRESIDENT,
DT.BOARD, SOUTH KANARA.

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Endorsement 38286/46-1 E2 PH, 19.7.46

Referred to the Director of Public Health for remarks.

(B.O)

for Assistant Secretary.
18.7.46.

To

The Director of Public Health.

Hrl 25/7/46

FROM

RAO BAHADUR, Dr. A.M.MATHEW., M.R.C.P., D.T.M., & H., D.P.H.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MADRAS.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT, FORT.ST.GEORGE

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1 AUG 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

P.No.50766-1 H/46 dated 9-8-1946.

Sir,

Ref:-Government endorsement No.38286/46-1 E.2./P.H. dated 19th July '46
Sub:-Maternity and child welfare centre - South Kanara District Board opening of a centre at Koteswar - reconsideration

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2.Mere appointment of a midwife for maternity services will not constitute a Maternity and child welfare centre . Such midwives are available in connection with ordinary dispensaries both local fund and muni

3.The minimum requirement for a Maternity and child welfare centre is a suitable building for the purpose, a midwife for antenatal, natal and post-natal services with an ayah to assist her in her work.The ante-natal and post-natal services and infant welfare work will not be efficient and effective unless there is a Woman Medical Officer(Maternity and child welfare) to conduct the clinics to supervise and guide domiciliary work of midwives and Health Visitors, and to control the work in the various centres. The District Health Officer or the Assistant District Health Officer cannot undertake this work. If the finances of the District Board do not permit the provision of these minimum requirements the District Board should be satisfied with the existing number of centres. Further expansion may be considered only after re-organisation of existing work.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MADRAS.

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C no 38286/46.

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Maternity & Child welfare Centre South Kanara Dt Bd: Opening of a Centre at Kotteswar. Re-Consideration of Go 1378 P of 4.5.46.

From the D.D.B. South Kanara R.C. No. 19130-44-A dt 28.6.46
" D.P.H R. No. 50766 I M/46 dt 9.8.46.

Memo 38286/46-2 Gen PH dt 4-9-46

A Copy of the remarks of the D.P.H on the subject noted above, with which Govt agree, is Communicated to the D.D.B. South Kanara for information & necessary action. In the circumstances stated by the D.P.H the Govt cannot alter their decision in para 2 of Go 1378 PH dt 4.5.46.

J/8

The D.D.B. South Kanara (with enclosure).
D.P.H

29.46 SD 2.9.46

For Secretary to Govt

Proc 38286/46. Maternity & Childwelfare. South Kanara Dt Bd. Opening of a Centre at Koteswar. Reconsideration of G.O. 1378. PH & H. S. 4-46.

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fp 1-2 Cf From the Pdt. South Kanara Dt Bd. Rc. 19130-44-A4828 dt 1 Cf

D.P.H. R. no. 50766. 107/46. & 9. 8. 46.

J/1 The P.D.B. South Kanara requested sanction of Govt for the opening of a Childwelfare Centre at Koteswar for which the Panchayat Bds of Koteswar and Shetkatte are prepared to give Annual Contributions of Rs. 100 and Rs. 50 respectively. The Staff proposed for the Centre was one midwife.

J/2-3. The D.P.H did not recommend the proposal ~~sanction~~ Dt has already for the following reasons:-

J/7 (i) there are 13 Centres scattered all over the district in places not easily accessible and without the supervision of a woman medical officer.

(ii) the midwives are attending to calls from their own private houses, as suitable buildings for locating the Centres have not yet been provided by the Dt Bd

(iii) the midwives are not provided with aprons. The D.P.H wanted the Bds to reorganise the scheme by rectifying these defects before additional Centres were opened. The Govt agreed with the D.P.H and the proposal was not approved.

J/8 2. The P.D.B now requests for a re-consideration of these orders. In his letter cited fp 1-2 Cf he has ~~reiterated~~ dealt with the defects pointed out by the D.P.H. The remarks of the D.P.H are on fp 3 Cf the D.O.H. has reiterated his previous remarks. He points out that mere appointment of a midwife for maternity services will not constitute a M & C.W. Centre and that such midwives are available in connection

J/7

fp 1-3 Cf

fp 2 Cf

with ordinary dispensaries, both local fund and rural. It may be mentioned that there are no dispensaries (either for rural) either at Kotaswar or Thekkatte. It may not be possible for the D.H. Bd to obtain the services of a woman medical officer even if a post is sanctioned, as a number of posts of women medl officers are vacant, including the post in the Mangalore Mly.

Vacancies from the Dy. Dir. Med. Services & Civil Surgeon, Gr. Section

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3. With a view to enable local bodies to open new centres, the D.H. (P.H.M.) has suggested that the maintenance Grant to local bodies for M. & C.W. work may be increased from 1/4 to 1/2 of the expenditure if proposal is sanctioned. local bodies will be able to re-organise their schemes which they cannot do now for want of funds. This is for consideration whether the proposal of the P.D.B. will be approved.

Sanctioned Expenditure

4. The total expenditure involved in the proposal to appoint a midwife is approximately Rs. 900. The Bd will get Rs 150 by way of annual Contributions from the 2 Pt Bds. 1/4th of the remaining expenditure will be met by Govt. Provision has been made in the budget for 46-7 on condition that the Pt Bds bear half the expenditure. If it is decided to approve the proposal of the P.D.B. the Pdt may be asked whether the Bd will agree to open the Centre at Kotaswar with a Contribution of Rs 150 per annum from the Pt Bds which is less than half the cost of providing the Centre.

Midwife - Pay, Spl Pay, D.A. 648
Medicines etc 150
Contingencies 60
Total 858
Honorarium = Rs 900

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For Orders.

23/8/46 SO 24/8/46.

The existing M. & C.W. work needs reorganisation both in Dt Bds owing to paucity of funds. This is not merely multiplying midwives without adequate & proper supervision. This is a matter

waste of public money. Middlemen
kept above working for Govt. Govt
are apt to neglect their work
The Ph. engineer asked to watch
the fluctuations improve and
his testing work is reorganized

28/8/46

I agree with AS.

SRK
29/8

Draft memo submitted for approval. After issue
Ltr 29/8 this file may be filed with (J).

SO
2.9.46.